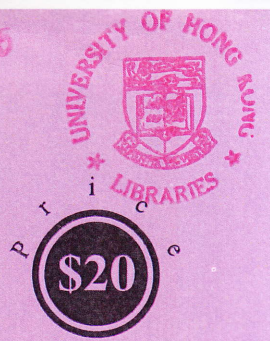


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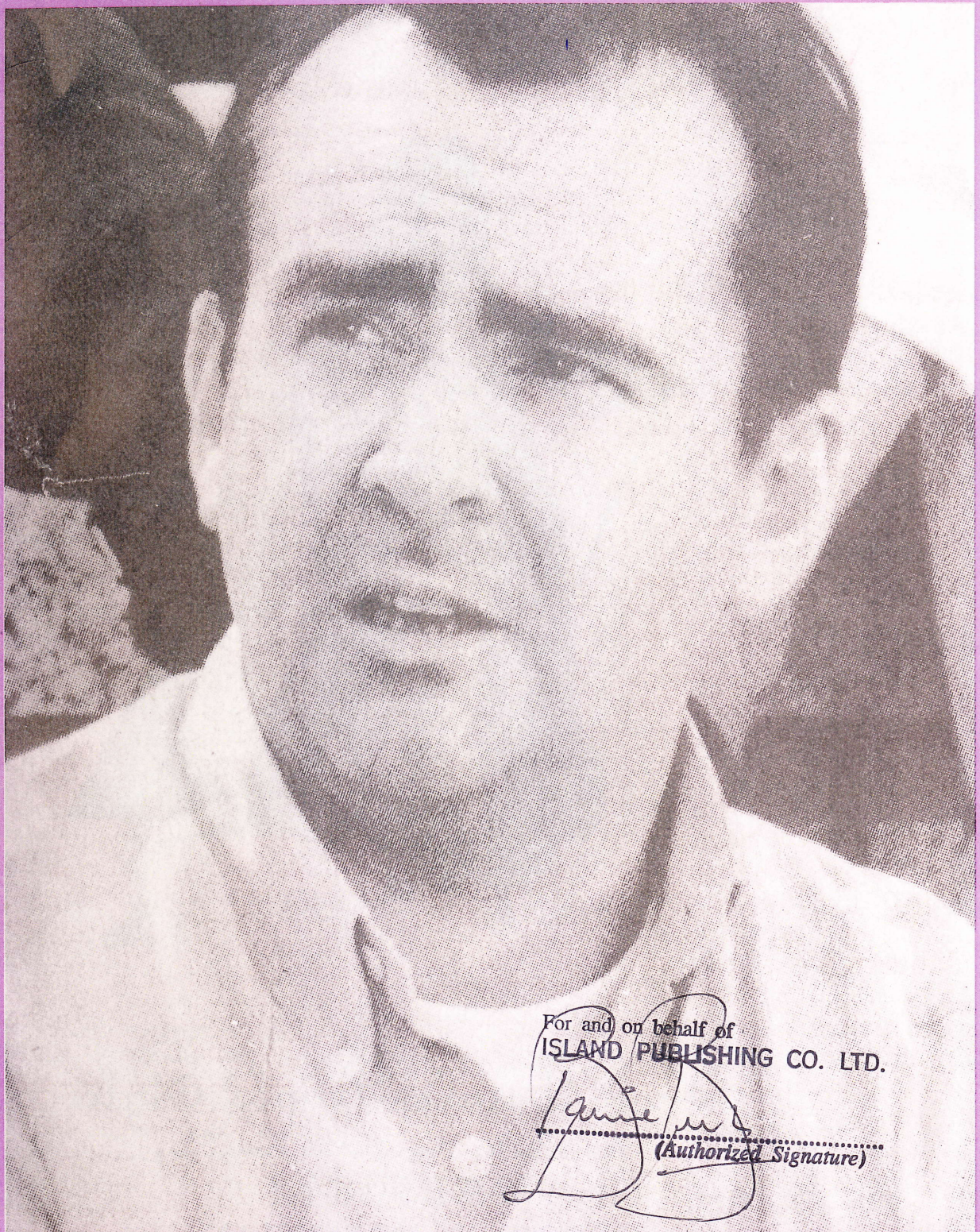


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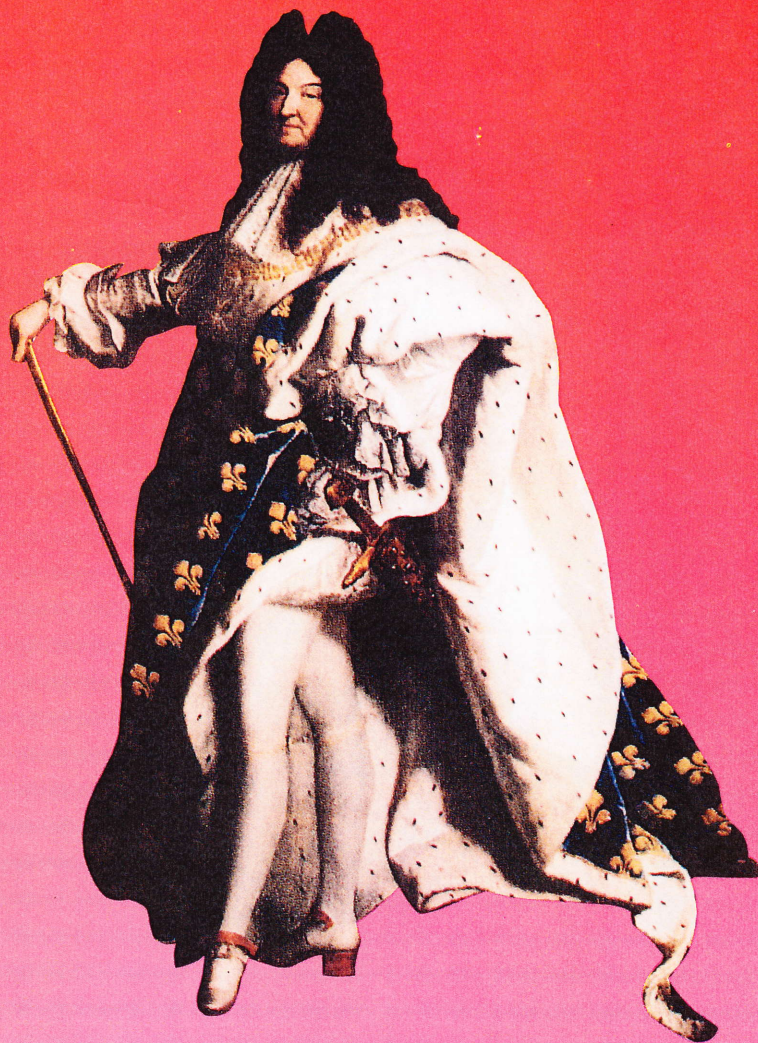
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Although we put a very large notice in the January—February issue we still had a number of people calling asking where their February issue was. Thank you! It's nice to now you missed us.

As we publish mid-monthly, from this issue the front cover will show two months, we are **NOT** publishing two editions in one. We will still, except for Lunar New Year, publish a copy every month — we send copies on, or as close as we can to, the 15th.

It was ironic and Mike Sinclair, AIDS activist and educator, would have appreciated the vast publicity unleashed by his death. Mike continued to speak out from his hospital bed on the dangers of AIDS and the urgent need for those with HIV and AIDS to come forward, out of the closet, and by doing so reclaim their lives and promote positive role models for others.

Hong Kong is not alone in having to deal with AIDS, every country in the world has a problem to a greater or lesser extent. What is unique is the way the AIDS agencies here deal with the epidemic.

Too many of the functions, organised by the AIDS groups, whether for fund-raising, education, or awareness appear to be on the level of being entertaining. Certainly AIDS Foundation publicly announced last year that they thought the way forward was by parties and fun family days.

The truth is we can't afford to glamorise AIDS. It is, as Mike so poignantly reminded us, a dreadful life-destroying disease. It will take more than one man to beat this disease but by taking an honest and open approach on how to prevent AIDS spreading we can do our very best to see that others don't die such painful isolated deaths.

If and when we can do that, Mike Sinclair's death will not have been in vain.

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# 情人情人，你在何方？



正當陳樂華埋頭埋腦地整理會議的議程時，電話響。

他一手拿著電話筒，另一邊還是忙著整理文件。

「樂華，我收到你的花了。」

原來是他的女朋友張美宜。樂華已經沒有多餘時間談這些小事了，但又不能不聽這些鎖事。

只聽到美宜還滔滔不絕地說：「全公司收到最大束的花是我，她們不是收到紅玫瑰便是各種顏色，唯獨是我收到火百合。」

「美宜，十分鐘後我有個重要的會，稍後我給你電話。」說完便立即掛線，他知道如不這樣不知美宜要說到什麼時候才掛線。

已經沒有時間讓樂華想其它事了。他立即收拾文件進會議室。

陳樂華對自己的工作非常之有信心，他開始解釋這個計劃的好與幣；眾人均用讚賞的目光望著樂華，在這一時刻的他不是不自豪的。

但離開辦公室的他又是否一樣信心十足呢？

回到辦公室，秘書立刻進來說：「美宜小姐請你回來後立即致電給她，有急事。」

樂華知道美宜所說的急事，不外乎是今天晚上到那間酒店吃飯，飯後又到那間酒廊聽歌等等。

他決定遲些才給她電話。

他有一個習慣，每次會議後他都要開個小差，出外走走。

臨離開前對秘書說：「如美宜小姐再來電，說我還在開會。」

秘書小姐禮貌地說：「是。」樂華

想，她可能在想今天是情人節，也要跟自己的女朋友說假話，未免太過吧！很好我不是他的女朋友。

樂華一於很少理，說完便邁開腳步離開寫字樓。

在電梯內A君對B君說：「又多一單愛滋病患者去逝。」

「但今次，跟其他的不同；有知名度，各大報章、雜誌、電台及電視台都爭相報導。」

A君似乎對今次的報導有點不服「真的，只是一名愛滋病患者逝世，又不是甚麼大新聞，真不明他們可以

美宜，十分鐘後我有個重要的會，稍後我給你電話。



這樣大肆報導。」

B君卻說：「雖然你說得對，但今次的報導不多不少也可以喚起香港人對愛滋病及愛滋病患者的關注及認識。」

樂華聽完這兩個人的說話後，似乎

有所感觸；腦內通通想些生老病死。

陳樂華今天是情人節，為何你老是想著這些不愉快的事情。應該開心才是。

不知不覺已經到了平時常到的公園。

樂華望著一班小朋友，他們天真無邪的跟著老師；遇到不曉得的事物便問老師這是什麼，或為何要這樣做。

當你聽到他們的問題時，你可能也會跟我一樣發出會心的微笑，或許會問自己，這樣的怪問題也只得他們的年齡才想得到。

這是事實，人隨著年歲的增長；好奇心、發問的本能及勇氣亦隨年歲的增長而減退，年紀愈大愈畏首畏尾。像我明明是一名同性戀者，偏偏在人前表現得大男人；一齊女性的工作全部說不會，像下廚是自己很喜歡做的事，但卻說不曉，其實一有空我便會躲在廚房大半天，菜做的好我會樂上半天；不好嗎下次再試。但這些事我是絕對不會告訴任何人，就連美宜也不曉。

她曾經問：「樂華，每天你都在外吃飯，但你的廚房又甚麼都有，真奇怪。」

我記得我是這樣答她的。「是這間屋設計的一部份，可能將來我不用天天在外吃飯，到其時便有用得著的時候了。」

我真的希望會有這一天的來臨。但我所做的一切祇是想掩飾自己是一名同性戀者的身份。

但今天樂華似乎有點倦，沒有氣力再去做這些不相關的事，他不再介



意別人對自己的看法。

他對自己說：「人生在世只是短短幾十年，在少年時要面對功課的壓力，完成學業又要面對工作，一旦學有所成又要面對人事上的鬥爭，永遠無休止地競逐。而我更要每天載著假面具去做人，我感到疲倦，我不想再這樣下去了。」

今天樂華實在有太大的壓力了，他才會這樣想。今天是二月十四日情人節，亦是中國的元宵佳節；中西情人節同一天是十九年才會發生一次的事。香港人便十分之重視這，就連註冊結婚也要在這天舉行。

可況在辦公室內頻頻傳出女同事收到花的呼聲，同事又問他跟天晚上和女朋友到那處吃飯等等。在電梯內又聽到這些不幸的事，更加令到樂華不快。

他決定要做回自己，同性戀便是同性戀，又不是甚麼犯法的事情；為甚麼我要欺騙自己，做一些自己不喜歡的事。

但他問自己：「今天是情人節，那我的情人又在何方呢？」

陳樂華這個人除了在工地上果斷外，做甚麼事也三心兩意，而且情緒很容易受到外來的事物影響。

正如今天，聽到了一些不愉快的事情；便說從衣櫃中走出來，對眾人說「我是同性戀者」這種大言不慚的說話。

不過他也有自己的苦處，他有今天的成就完全是由自己一手爭取的；他並不是生長於一個富有的家庭，從中學階段便開始替人補習兼外快；所以他是很珍惜的。

不過，今天他決定豁出去，不和美宜吃飯。他沒有回公司或給美宜電話，他想如有什麼事情要發生就由它發生吧！

今天我要做個自由人。他決定先到酒吧喝酒解悶。

雖然是剛下班的時間，但酒吧內已非常之熱鬧，或許今天是情人節的原因。

樂華沒有理會其他人，取過酒後便獨自一人坐坐酒吧內最黑暗的一

角，並不是因為今天的情緒低落；只是往日的老位置。他喜歡坐在這裏看其他人的神情，看他們說話，看他們如何向其他不相識的人搭訕；看他們由一對不相識，而離開時卻像老朋友一般，這也是一個有趣消磨時間的好辦法。

但今天，他很渴望能夠在這裏找到他的情人。雖然他很想這樣做，但

情人情人，你在何方？



卻沒有心情。

不經不覺他已喝到第四杯了。但心情並沒有因酒精影響而轉變，反而愈來愈神智不清。

他仍然不想和其他人說話，不想聽到任何聲音；只是在渴悶酒。不過聲音這東西，你是沒有權不聽的，由其是香港這個地少人多的社會，走到那處都是一大堆嘈吵的聲音。

樂華聽到兩個男人的對話。一個外表頗為斯文，穿著整齊，留有八字鬚。而另外一個則比較隨便，但很年輕。

年輕的小伙子說：「今天是情人節，為什麼你不送花給我呀！」

那八字鬚立刻為自己便護「是你自

己說不喜歡花的，又說情人節的花這樣昂貴，不是你說過不要送花的嗎。連出外吃飯也不用。這些說話我是記得一清二楚的，不容你抵賴。」

「我這樣說過嗎？就算有，今天是情人節你也應該有些表示吧！」

這個小伙子真的是有理都說不清那種，自己說過的不算，整日要做情人的猜他想什麼，是一件挺辛苦的事。

不過在別人眼裏可能是一件苦差，但在他們的世界卻是一件樂事。世事便是這樣，有你便有他，永遠都是這樣，一對嗎。

八字鬚說：「你這個人真是，不過你幸運；有我這個男朋友，看這是什麼。」說完便從身後拿出一大束很漂亮的火百合給他。

小伙子看見很前的火百合，不知說什麼，只見他張大了咀吧，一句說話也說不出。不過有時候語言是多餘的，他以行動作出反應，他抱緊八字鬚及給他來一個熱吻。

樂華看見他們這樣自得其樂，雖然是有點痺，但他卻又羨慕又妒忌。

他們為何可以如此傍若無人我行我素，而我卻要做一些自己不願意的事；祇是想用來掩飾自己是一名同性戀者的身份。所得到的祇是一大堆憂慮、不開心，這是不是值得的呢？樂華現在的心情，真的是很矛盾；他不知道應該怎樣做，是不是應該跟美宜說他跟本不喜歡女性，找她只是為了掩飾自己同性戀的身份。但為了她和自己我想我一定要找個機會和她說。

樂華愈想愈覺得他應該這樣做，他這樣想人也覺得輕鬆了，他想現在是找人聊天的時候了。





## Military Gays

Gays are welcomed in the armed forces of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. It is also reported that New Zealand is preparing to welcome gays.

## Holland

Amsterdam City Council last month turned down a proposal to accommodate gays who have sex in public toilets and parks. A committee of city bureaucrats and gay leaders had urged the council to order that public-toilet stalls be big enough for two people, that toilets not be demolished or moved without consent of gay leaders, and that trees, hedges and bushes in parks not be cut so short that men having sex could not hide in them. The committee said the chopping up of green things was an all-too-common example of gay-unfriendly behavior by civil servants who should instead respect this "alternative usage" of undergrowth. But the City Council was unswayed, saying safety for all users of public spaces is more important than protecting the activities of a few.

## Italy

Gay leaders voted 21st January to stage this year's National Gay Pride March in Bologna on 1st July "During the march there will be no official political standpoint because we want the gay-pride march as a moment of gay visibility and pride," said Marco Scala, one of the organisers.

## Indonesia

The European Commission last week donated \$900,000 to fight AIDS in Indonesia's top three cities — Jakarta, Surabaya and Bandung. Sixty-seven Indonesians have AIDS and another 208 are HIV-positive, Welfare Minister Azwar Anas said. "The government is determined to fight AIDS with all efforts and funds so the conquering of AIDS becomes a part of our national development plan," he added. Indonesia has a thriving sex industry and officials say privately the HIV rate could be 200 times the official figures, according to the Reuters news service.

## Poland

Authorities removes proven gays from its military by diagnosing them with "personality disorders," reports the newspaper Nowa Trybuna Opolska. "The homosexual community has difficulty as a whole [with] institutions and legal entities," noted Poland's Association of Lambda. In addition to military harassment, gays are under the surveillance by the Interior Ministry, are discriminated against by police, see their careers limited by corporations, the church and government; have trouble renting space for gay bars, suffer hate-language in the media, and are mistreated by the health sector, the association said.

## UK

London's Lesbian Avengers staged a kiss-in outside the Channel 4 network headquarters Jan. 7 to protest the removal of a lesbian kiss from the early showing of the TV program Brookside. The kiss, between character Beth Jordache and her new squeeze, Viv, was shown on the 8 p.m. airing of the soap opera but removed from the repeat which aired the next day at an earlier hour. According to Capital Gay, "Channel 4, spurred by shock-horror stories in the tabloid press, deemed [the kiss] too steamy for 'pre-watershed' viewing."



# U p d a t e



Brendon Wickham

of Brother Sister

## Pink Post

## Myth explodes

For those who believe that Oxford Street is the centre of everything gay in Sydney, think again. One Sydney suburb now has a gay post office and it's not Darlinghurst. Operated by Belton Fonti Pty Ltd, the Post Office, situated in Canterbury, may be the first in Australia that is entirely gay owned and run. Former Australia Post employee, Tom Belton, started the business with his partner of three years, Joe Fonti. The post office also sells books, toys and stationery, and Belton said that he would soon be stocking massage oils. "And Wet Stuff, under the counter," he added with a laugh.

While the post office has no sign or symbol suggesting its affiliation, there is a Bobby Goldsmith Foundation collection box on the counter with leaflets. Asked whether there had been any negative community reaction, Fonti replied: "Not yet. Not everyone needs to know we're gay, and there's a news agency next door with four men and a girl, all straight, but they talk to us about boyfriends and things."

## Legal Cannabis

Cannabis is soon expected to be authorised for prescription in the treatment of HIV/AIDS in Australia. The Federal Government seems likely to endorse a mild form of cannabis for use in controlling nausea and stimulating appetite. The Therapeutic Goods Administration are hoping that the drug dronabil, a tablet form of cannabis (with the chemical agent responsible for the high removed), can be approved here as it has been in the United States. The Health Department needs the co-operation of the medical societies and the states and territories appropriate authorities before it clears the drug for use.

Tasmania's Gay and Lesbian Rights Group have welcomed an opinion poll showing that the majority of Tasmanians disapprove of their government's anti-gay stance. The poll indicates that 49 per cent of Tasmanians object to the state Government's handling of the gay law reform issue. Group spokesperson, Rodney Croome said that the Newspoll survey destroys the mainland stereotype of Tasmanians as anti-gay bigots. The poll sends a clear message to the State Government that its confrontational approach does not have community support, he said.

Croome also attacked the State's National Party for its claim that an advertisement for a gay and lesbian dance party exposed a "sleazy agenda". Croome stated that the poll shows that the National Party does not reflect the values of the Majority of Tasmanians. There is also concern that the state's anti-gay group Tas-Alert is trying to spread its membership into other states.

## Moonlite Activities

Three hundred people attended a re-burial service for Australian Bushranger Captain Moonlite. The leader of a gay gang of outlaws had made a last wish that he be buried alongside his two fellow bushrangers. His two companions were killed in a shoot-out in Gundagai in 1879. Moonlite was hanged a year later for shooting a police officer. There was public opposition to his request at the time and he was buried in an unmarked grave in Sydney. Two Gundagai residents spent a year researching Moonlite's life and finally succeeded in having his last wish granted earlier this month.

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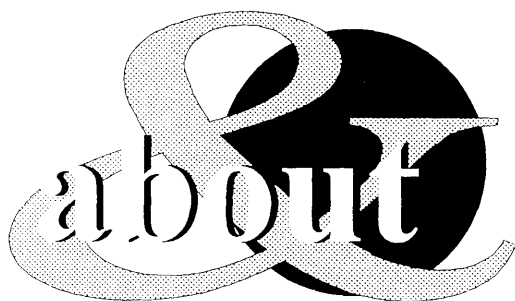
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AIDS Concern: Do you want to help? Do you have some free time? If so then AIDS Concern might be the **HELP!** group for you. They are holding an orientation meeting for new volunteers on Saturday 1st April, in the afternoon, at the Service Centre. Please call them for details.

## C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



Sister Maureen McGinley's work and devotion to both AIDS Concern and their buddy system was publicly acknowledged when she was awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours List. It is expected that Maureen will, while holidaying in the UK, receive the award from Britain's Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.



CE Top have changed the whole layout of the premises. The top floor is now (in time for the warmer weather) a rooftop cafe. While the 9th floor's main area will be a disco space with a fully licensed bar. Karaoke will continue in a separate room near, but not part of, the disco space.



Why Not? A new Karaoke bar opened last month in Causeway Bay. We haven't been there yet as can't say what it's like. We'll try to update you when we know! The address can be found on page 30.

## Still looking...

The Long Yang Club reminded us, when we saw them recently, that the Long Yang Club Hong Kong is still looking for an energetic organiser who has time and patience to get things up and running. If the description fits you please write or call, in the first instance, to Contacts Magazine

Mike Sinclair

The memorial service at St. John's Cathedral on 25th February, for Mike Sinclair was attended by nearly 200 people, friends, colleagues, acquaintances and those who just came out of respect for the work Mike had been doing. Mike Sinclair, dentist turned education worker for AIDS Foundation and latterly AIDS activist, was a tireless worker for people with HIV or AIDS. Mike Sinclair died on 14th February.



### Quote of the Month

*Understand that sexuality  
is as wide as the sea  
Understand that your morality  
is not law*

Derek Jarman

**CK**

Despite several persistent rumours we  
have to tell you that CK is closed —  
as we reported three months ago.

### BA Sauna

The popular and long-running sauna in Wan Chai is still operating, the manager tells us — even though it looks like the rest of the building is due for redevelopment. BA was one of the first to open its doors to Gay men on Hong Kong Island. It continues to remain popular after others opened because the owner, known to everyone as Paul, keeps abreast of new ideas and trends. Might be an idea to give them a call before going!

### ...And then there was one

From a high of four Tea Dances every month at the end of last year Lesbians & Gays in Hong Kong can now only go to one a month. The latest victim was Horizons 2nd Tea Dance of the month, due we understand to falling numbers. The only remaining Tea Dances are held at Club 97 on the first Sunday of the month.

### Dry or Wet ?

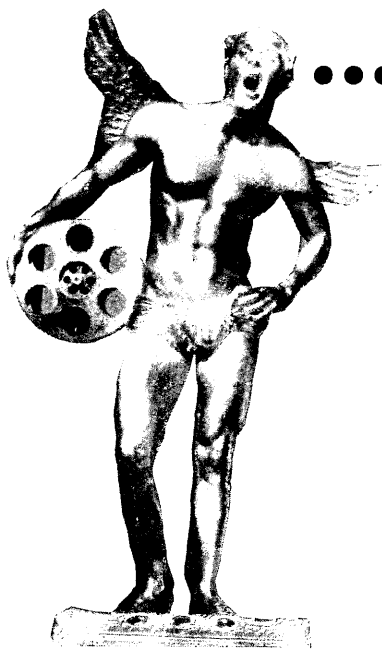
Central Escalator is one of the few clubs that have a sauna as well as a steam room. If you haven't yet tried dry heat (sauna) or wet heat (steam) then how about going and giving it a try?

**Seen something readers should now about? Then please tell us!**

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# ....And the Oscar goes to

Oscars. The much loved and long awaited Oscars will be presented at the end of this month. Over the years many Lesbians & Gays have won the most coveted award in Hollywood. Most of them were in the closet, yet were well known in the Gay circles in which they moved. There are far too many people in too many categories to name them all. However in the major categories, the actors, actresses and direc-

tors who are or were Gay or at least bisexual who have won Oscars:

Janet Gaynor, 1927, *Sunrise, Seventh Heaven*

Charles Laughton, 1933, *Private Life of Henry VIII*;

Clark Gable, 1934, and flingee with Marlene Dietrich

Claudette Colbert, 1934, *It Happened One Night*; flingee with Tallulah Bankhead

Hattie McDaniel, 1939, *Gone With the Wind*

Laurence Olivier, *Hamlet*, 1948 (his competition including Montgomery Clift and Clifton Webb);

Wally Cox's ex-roommate, Marlon Brando, for *On the Waterfront*, 1954;

David Niven, *Separate Tables*, 1958;

AIDS patient Tony Richardson, *Tom Jones*, 1963;

George Cukor, for *My Fair Lady*, 1964;

John Schlesinger, *Midnight Cowboy*, 1969;

Marlon Brando, *The Godfather*, '72;

John Gielgud (now Sir), Arthur, 1981; F. Murray Abraham, *Amadeus*, 1984;

Bernardo Bertolucci, *The Last Emperor*, 1987;

Jodie Foster, *The Accused* and *The Silence of the Lambs*, 1988 and 1991;

Anthony Hopkins, *The Silence of the Lambs*, 1991.

**Finally, there's all-time champ Edith Head, winner of something like a dozen Costume Oscars.**

## 過後

從報章中讀到兩則令人極度不快的消息。約三年前, Mike Sinclair——一位身染愛滋病,但仍為人作牙科手術的牙醫,在極不願意之情況下,被揭露了患上愛滋病的身份。

一方面擔心自家的健康情況,另一方面要背負著巨大的輿論壓力。最後, Mike決定放棄自己的職業,改投愛滋病基金會的教育主任一職。

身份暴光後的Mike更受到健身院的無理對待,主持人以保護其他會員健康為理由,禁止Mike進入健身院。

約兩年前,因功課的原故,我曾到愛滋病基金會搜集資料。遇見Mike Sinclair。我很想與他打招呼,想說不要因輿論而困擾自己,但我沒有勇氣說。在那一刻我祇是想,我是什麼人?我祇是一個去取資料的

大專生,我根本完全體會不到他所面對的壓力,我有什麼資格去開導他?憑什麼力量去支持他?想對Mike說的一番話,也祇好藏在心裡。

要說的當時沒有勇氣去說,有勇氣的時候卻再沒有機會了。機會這傢伙真的是轉瞬即逝,面對Mike說話的機會,更是一去不返,因為Mike已被愛滋病奪去其寶貴生命了。我錯過港台為Mike製作的特輯,側聞Mike被愛滋病折騰得不成人形。

他自己形容「身體像被一個外來客入侵了,時刻要為活命而作戰。」

我想打擊最大的莫過於看著一個屬於自己的軀體慢慢地被敵入侵佔,不再受自己的差使,到最後屬於自己的,祇有一己的思想,像極一個無兵的將軍,被敵軍重重包圍,外無援兵,最終祇有死路一條。

除了Mike Sinclair之外,八八年漢城奧運高臺及彈板跳水雙料冠軍的盧根尼斯,亦宣佈染上愛滋

病。真的很害怕,愈來愈多人感染此絕症。

一種很近的感覺,害怕有一天,身邊的朋友會感染此絕症,並不是怕被傳染,而是怕失去他們,就像電影"Long Time Companion"那樣,主角眼巴巴的看著身邊好友因愛滋病而陸續「離去」。

但願Mike Sinclair及所有因愛滋病而辭世的人,能在天國築起一個屬於他的國度,那裡沒有因性傾向不同而產生的歧視,沒有愛滋病的橫行肆虐,沒有同志之間的勾心,沒有家庭及輿論壓力而把真正性傾向鎖在家裡衣櫃的人,沒有.....

更期待一種能醫治愛滋病的藥物能快點研製成功,能在盧根尼斯及所有在世的愛滋病患者仍等得及的時候出現。

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# THE ROAD TO WORLD-

## Deepen the struggle inside the

**I**n many Native cultures in what are now known as the Americas, there was no such thing as Lesbian and Gay oppression. In fact, Lesbians, Gay men and transgendered people were often revered and given positions of honour in society. The same was true of many cultures in Africa and Asia centuries ago.

So how is it that in 1995, in what is now known as the United States of America, Gays have to fight tooth and nail for basic human rights?

A little history may shed some light. In 1492 when Christopher Columbus invaded the Western Hemisphere, he brought with him European "civilisation"—slavery, racism, sexism, poverty and Gay oppression.

**A l t h o u g h** Columbus himself was a bloodthirsty pirate, he didn't do it alone. Others were doing the same thing, in Africa and Asia as well as the Americas.

The epoch of colonialism followed. The European powers—Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Germany and Holland—raced against each other to carve up the wealth of the rest of the world. The colonialists tried to eradicate every progressive aspect of indigenous life—especially communal living where mutual respect instead of oppression was the norm.

In the centuries since the advent of class society, the rulers of Europe had installed a system of repression for those who were deemed "sexual deviants." Homosexuals and transgendered people were ostracised, beaten or killed.

racist genocide and cultural genocide goes on and on.

As new capitalist class moved to take control of the world economy, Washington entered the fray. Its "manifest destiny"



*Statue of Liberty...some say only for the business class.*

Now Europe's rulers exported their system to the colonies. In the Americas, for example, British and Spanish colonisers paraded cross dressers, warrior women and "effeminate" men around. They ridiculed them—and finally killed them—for all to witness.

The Catholic Church and other European missionaries condemned people living in same-sex-marriages or practising homosexual relations to everlasting punishment, even death. The list of attempts at

doctrine justified continental expansion and the accompanying theft of Native lands and mass killings of Native people.

The United States business class grew rich off the labour of enslaved Africans, brought to that country in shackles.

In 1846 the U.S. invaded Mexico, and in 1848 Washington stole half that country's land, claiming the territory that has since made up the South-western states.

In 1898 Washington fought a war with

# -WIDE GAY LIBERATION

## belly of the imperialist beast

By Rebeca Toledo

Spain over which country would control Cuba, the Philippines—and Puerto Rico, which remains a U.S. colony to this day. In this century the U.S. invaded Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Iraq and Somalia—along with militarily intervening in almost every country of Latin America staking an imperialist claim on Asia and Africa.

The question today is: Can the Lesbian and Gay community, in alliance with others who are under the gun in the U.S. and around the world, lift this oppressive system off their backs?

How can Lesbians and Gays strengthen the struggle for a better system-socialism-a system based on equality, a system that can truly liberate humanity?

In America Lesbians, Gays and transgendered people are still often ostracised, beaten and killed. The Catholic Church and religious fundamentalists still condemn these communities.

**There are still laws that outlaw homosexuality in 24 American states.**

The Gay community has forged relatively safe havens in a few neighbourhoods in a handful of big cities. But outside those pockets of Gay militancy where people can breathe relatively freely, Lesbians and Gays still have to fight for the right to exist free of harassment and violence.

That is not to say that time has stood still for the 25 years since the heroic rebellion at Stonewall. It has been a time of fighting to beat back the attacks of the government and the ruling class it represents. Visibility and militancy have furthered the struggle for Lesbian and Gay liberation.

As can be said of the civil rights movement, the women's movement, the anti-war movement and others - the U.S. has never budged on any issue unless its back was up against the wall.

All the victories that have been won are the work of Gay and transgendered people demanding them—in the streets—not of politicians or officials benevolently

granting them.

Actually, what the bourgeoisie offers is a strategy of divide and conquer. They pit Gays and people of colour, African American Jews, whites and Third-World immigrants against each other, and so on. No one group is immune. That's why it is so important to forge unity in the struggle against the ruling classes.

Gays and working people around the world are the natural allies of each other.

There is oppression in the U.S. But Washington and the other imperialist powers super-exploit workers and super-oppress Third World people, women and Gays in the developing countries.

Economically through the International Monetary Fund and militarily via the Pentagon, the U.S. attempts to choke Third-World countries into submission—all so U.S. companies can extract vast wealth from these lands' natural resources and

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human labour.

Withholding funds and technology, or threatening war, are among the tools Washington uses against these countries. The imperialists inflict economic, political and social pressure.

For example, Brazil has a high rate of anti-Gay and anti-transvestite murders. And the Brazilian government does nothing to protect Gays. But what is sometimes not mentioned in this context is the incredible poverty and deprivation that exists for most workers in Brazil. And that's the fault of imperialism.

Scape-goating Gays or other groups is a favourite trick of these and their puppet governments.

The struggle in the Third World against

imperialism marches on. Lesbians and Gay men build alliances with other working-class forces in their countries. In Mexico, for instance, the Lesbian and Gay community cheered the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas—and gathered strength from it.

The EZLN joined the Gay community to demand that the government reopen investigations into over 15 anti-Gay murders there. Soon after the rebellion began, the government appointed an independent prosecutor to oversee the case.

With the death of apartheid, South Africa now is the only country in the world whose constitution guarantees Lesbian and Gay civil rights—thanks to the leading role of the African National Congress, which has defended Gay rights for years.

In India, the first Lesbian and Gay publication, "Bombay Dost," features coming-out stories from Indian Gays, extensive AIDS-prevention information, support for new groups and encouragement for others to start.

The Asian Lesbian Network, with branches throughout that continent, sponsors conferences and forums on perspectives and strategies for building greater connections and visibility.

Responding to the Gay movement in Bermuda, the parliament just repealed that island nation's "sodomy" law.

Lesbians, Gays, bisexuals and transgendered people ask, "Can we lift this monster—U.S. imperialism—off our backs?"

It can be done by embracing the struggle against imperialism world-wide. And by redoubling efforts against the U.S. government, here in the belly of the beast.

*Workers World Service*



# Media Watch

Barrie Brandon

It isn't often that this column gives out bouquets, normally its bricks that we throw at the media. This month though we must give praise where its due, for extensive accurate and sensitive coverage of a number of topics.

Almost two years ago *Contacts Magazine* told every English language newspaper that Queen Mary Hospital was still using electric shock therapy, which was classed several years ago as inhumane by Amnesty International. It was interesting to see the *Sunday Morning Post*, in January of this year, 'expose' the hospital for using the treatment.

The story was well researched and was, rightly, denounced by both the editorial

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and the reporter, as doing more harm than good. The practice was abandoned decades ago in The US and UK as being totally unsuccessful. Not one person receiving treatment has ever, according to the records, changed their orientation.

The fact that the therapy unit is in a Government run hospital more than suggests it has its full blessing.

The *Post's* reporters do need to learn there is a big difference between orientation and preference. Many Gay people do not accept being Gay as a preference; its is an orientation — something that cannot be changed no matter what happens to the individual.

The *Eastern Express*, a day later, in the shape of the outspoken Liam Fitzpatrick also had a good swipe at the Government for allowing the therapy unit to continue to run. He went further and urged Queer Nation (*Ah if only we had such a thing in Hong Kong*) to blow up the clinic for perpetrating this outrageous and bigoted

crime against Gay people.

Later in the month Liam went onto blast the Government for its appalling and discriminatory practice of subjecting Gay employees to "Integrity Checks". The Government is still using this bigoted form of interrogation on its Gay employees as there is a chance apparently that they are a 'risk'.

"According to the government," Liam said, "being Gay makes them (the employees) susceptible to blackmail". There is a very clear easy answer to that — just make it clear and widely known that Gay people are welcome in the civil service. Liam went on to say "the test is pure homophobic junk". The best thing the government could, no should, do with the Integrity Check is throw it and its practitioners out of the highest window of CGO.

The death on 14th February of the territory's leading AIDS activist Mike Sinclair drew the attention of every part of the huge media machine of Hong Kong. Every newspaper and magazine, every radio and TV station carried at least a news item on Mike's death. Perhaps more importantly they also extensively reported on his work and progress in promoting education of AIDS in Hong Kong.

For me the RTHK documentary programme on Mike Sinclair, so well narrated by K.K. Lau, on the last two years of his life was both moving and meaningful. This was no cheap attempt to make AIDS look glamorous, *Philadelphia* it wasn't, gone were the scenes only true of Hollywood, this was the real thing. Through the camera's eyes we felt the pain and suffering that Mike had on a daily basis living with AIDS. As the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, Reverend Philips, said at his memorial service "for him AIDS was not a matter of statistics but of flesh and blood".

The *HK Standard*, The *South China Morning Post* and the *Eastern Express* all carried extensive accurate reports on the life and work of Mike Sinclair.

Only twice in all the time Mike was in the

limelight did he share with the public that he was a Gay man and had lived—at times—an unhealthy and promiscuous lifestyle. In keeping the two parts of his life separate, being Gay and having AIDS, Mike did a great service to the Gay community by refusing to allow anyone to make the often drawn assumption that Gays and AIDS are synonymous.

Deputy Judge Burrell said, in sentencing a man who had sex with an 11 year old boy, "The courts must protect immature and vulnerable boys and girls...from morally corrupting experiences". Although the judge was right not to draw any conclusions that this was a Gay matter, its a sad reflection on the lack of Gay action groups in Hong Kong that we feel that this comment, correct though it is, worthy of mention.

Felix Wong, the Chairperson of The 10% Club, said in an interview with the Hong Kong Standard said "the club is dedicated

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to fighting for Gay rights and wants Gays to be given equality and dignity at work".

Surely The 10% Club must realise for any of these things to happen people have to come out of the closet? How else will people know there are Gays everywhere?

Felix went onto say "Gays also find it hard to rent a flat if their sexual preference (a misquote?) became known".

The Lesbian & Gay Film Festival was disappointing in that it drew only one letter of complaint from an alleged member of the heterosexual community.

The letter, as is the practice of such writers, was anonymous and carried the usual tirade that being Gay condemns you to hell and "my children will not grow up gay".

I wonder how he knows?



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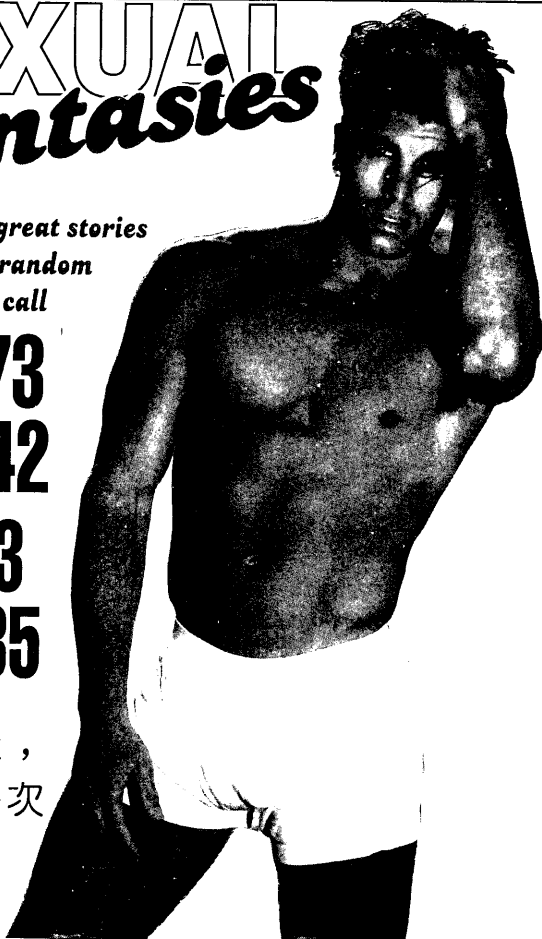
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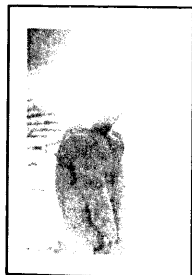
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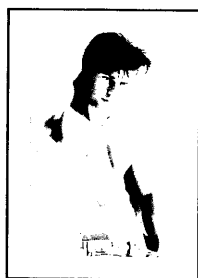
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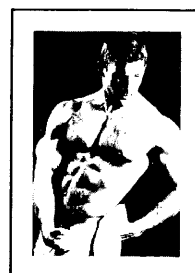
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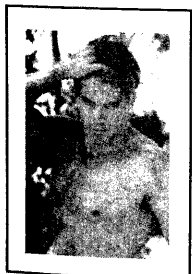
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# 50 Million Gays

Row-Kavi

*Long ridiculed and disapproved by a conservative and tradition-bound society, India's middle-class Gays are slowly coming out of the closet, reports Reuters, to the puzzlement and consternation of their relatives.*

Transsexuals, customarily invited by some Indian families to participate in festivities that mark the birth of a child, have a niche for themselves in Indian society. Not so homosexuals. "All these years we've been forced to be hypocrites," said Anand, a greeting-card manufacturer from the southern city of Bangalore. "It's a great relief to find out that there are hundreds of others like me all over the country."

Anand is married and says he is bisexual. His wife and family don't know yet, and he doesn't plan to tell them for fear of the disruption it will cause. He is caught in the classic Indian gay dilemma: married off by his parents against his inclinations, he is now wary about coming clean, apprehensive of the havoc that will result. Anand was one of the delegates to India's first gay conference in Bombay late last year. Many said they found it an exhilarating experience because they were able to openly interact with other gay men for the first time in their lives. But even as they revel in their new confidence, Indian homosexuals increasingly fear public health officials have not woken up to the danger presented by the killer disease, AIDS.

Many think themselves more susceptible to the disease because of what they say are the relatively higher levels of promiscuity in the gay community.

Delegates at the conference agreed on plans to set up a nationwide support system for gay men, with anonymous testing centres for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) high on their agenda.

The conference was organized by three

Indian gay organizations, including Bombay's Hamsafar Trust, chaired by Ashok Row-Kavi, who launched India's first journal specifically for Gays, "*Bombay Dost*" (Bombay Friend) four years ago. For the moment, Indian gay groups are concen-

confident gay community, there is also the issue of AIDS. "The government is aware of the spread of AIDS among Gays," said Anand. "But stringent ideas of morality mean that it prefers to ignore the threat."

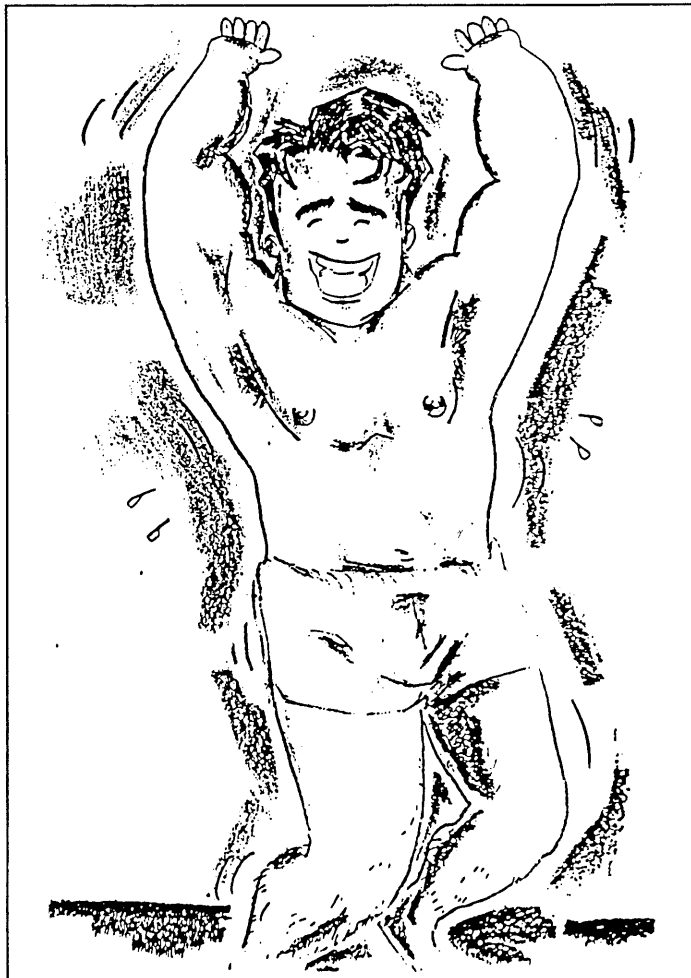
According to official estimates, 889 cases of AIDS have been reported nationwide, along with an estimated 16,015 carriers of HIV, the virus that cause the disease.

The rate of attrition within the gay community is not known exactly. Even the official figures are contested by the Indian Health Organization, a private agency working with AIDS patients which believes there are 190,000 cases of AIDS, and an estimated 3.8 million infections, nationwide. "Indian public health authorities have a narrow window of opportunity — two or three years — in which to organize a strategy for AIDS," said Hivananda Khan, of London's Naz Project, which works with South Asia Gays. "After that the economic costs of people dying from AIDS will become too great to bear."

Funding for many of the support programs planned by Indian gay groups was difficult to find, he added. The Bombay conference was made pos-

sible by an 8,000 pound (\$12,500) grant from the Mercury Phoenix foundation, set up with money willed by Freddy Mercury who died from AIDS complications, lead singer of the rock group, Queen, and a member of Bombay's Parsee community.

The Hamsafar Trust's Row-Kavi said WHO funding to combat AIDS had lapsed last year because the government was unable to come up with a coherent strategy. "That money could have been utilised effectively if we had been allowed to participate in the planning process more closely," he said.



trating on "empowerment," Row-Kavi said. They want to reach out to the thousands of Indian men confused about their sexual preferences, to assure them that these are normal. Row-Kavi estimated the number of Indian homosexuals at 50 million, in a nation of 900 million.

"This was a historic conference," said Arvind Kumar, a director of the San Francisco gay and lesbian group Trikone, who sat in on the sessions as an observer. "Fifty delegates — nearly 90 percent of the group — spoke to the press at the end. That would have been inconceivable 10 years ago." Amidst the exhilaration of the newly

# Daddy's Roommate

*Written by Michael Willhoite  
Illustrated by Mandy Boursicot*

*My Mommy and Daddy got a divorce last year.  
Now there's somebody new at Daddy's house.  
Daddy and his roommate Frank live together.  
Work together. Eat together. Sleep together. Shave together.  
And sometimes even fight together.  
But they always make up.*

*Frank likes me too!  
Just like Daddy, he tells me jokes and riddles,  
Helps me catch bugs for show-and-tell, Reads to me,  
Makes great peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches,  
And chases nightmares away  
When weekends come We do all sorts of things together.  
We go to ball games. Visit the zoo.  
Go to the beach. Work in the yard. Go shopping.  
And in the evenings, we sing at the piano*

*Mommy says Daddy and Frank are gay.  
At first I didn't know what that meant.  
So she explained it. Being gay is just one more kind of love.  
And love is the best kind of happiness.  
Daddy and his roommate are very happy together.  
And I'm happy too!*



# Careers Day

*A short story by William Chanre*

John was going to be a fire fighter. Or a hockey player. He hadn't decided yet. Anyway, it was career day at his junior high school. Business people, professionals, machinists, and public sector employees had been invited to speak to small groups of students all day long. But first, you had to take the aptitude test, called the Sharp-Culligan Interest Inventory.

John was confident his test was going to show his innate ability to achieve, either in athletics, or in hazardous situations. He wrote the test in only 40 minutes, asked to be excused, and went across the street to the park. He liked to kick the crap out of the pot heads who smoked grass in the park pavilion, during breaks in the school day.

The rest of the day went well. Several fire fighters and a police lieutenant gave rousing speeches that John heard. He was also very impressed by the construction workers and the thought of working in high-rise steel construction. Sure, there were risks, but "hey, what is life if there are no risks?" he said to himself.

The next week, John's family received an unusual letter from the Principal of the school. John and his parents were to come in for a special parent-student-principal career conference. His parents were very surprised. They questioned John, but he was just as baffled as his parents.

John's parents came to school on a Thursday afternoon, after everyone had gone home. They were told that their son should wait in the main office while the Principal and his parents talked in private. John waited restlessly in the outside office.

"I'm afraid your boy wrote a most unusual career-aptitude test," said the Principal.

"As you know, our modern society uses these tests to determine career path. Well, John has selected for himself a most unusual career path".

His parents gave each other a blank look.

"John has the ideal psychological make-up to be a wet-nurse," said the Principal. "Or, a greeting card-shop owner. Or, a preschool teacher," said the Principal. "Do you understand what I am saying? The test indicates that John would make a great stay-at-home wife..."

"Now just a damned minute!" said John's father. "There must be a big mistake. John has his heart set upon being a fire fighter or a hockey player." You have made a very bad mistake!

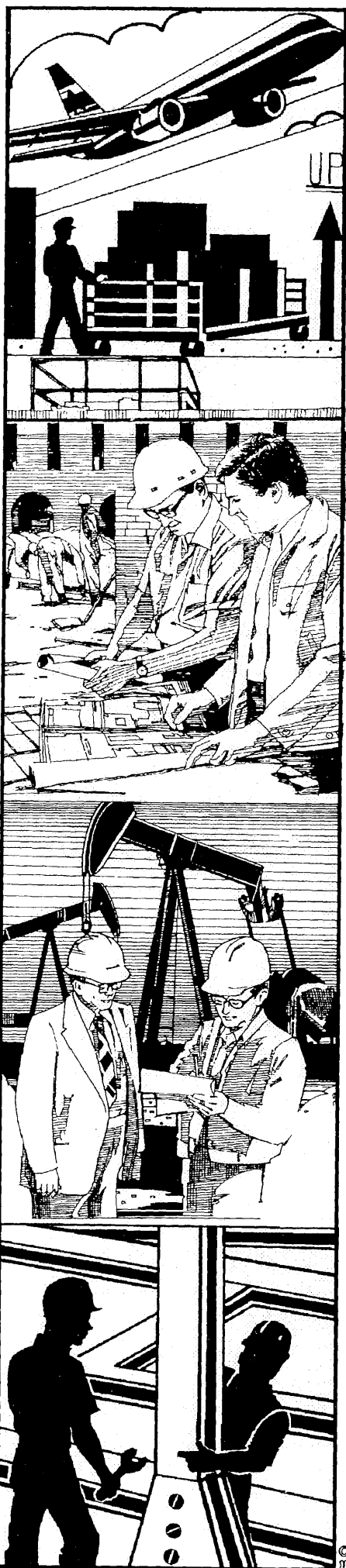
The Principal was not amused. "Look, the interest inventory has been statistically optimised on several hundred thousand children. It predicts with 99.9% confidence the optimal career path at a very early age. Our low crime rates and economic prosperity depend upon the principle that every individual must pursue an optimal career path. In fact, national law requires it. I'm afraid that, John has selected this career path for himself, and scientific research shows that we know what's best for John."

He continued, "You could have John re-take the test, but it likely won't change. It would be far better to accept John's fate, and to help him, so that he can achieve lifelong happiness as a productive member of society."

Well his parents talked, and the Principal talked, and after a while they agreed to have John re-take the test. John was told his test was lost, and that the conference had been called because John was accused of skipping the exam. He seemed to accept this white lie.

Two weeks later, the test results came back exactly the same.

This time, John's parents went to see the Principal in secret. His mom was crying. His dad was distraught. There were laws in the country, saying that people had a God-given right, no, an obligation, to fol-



low the best career path. The principal was sympathetic. He put them in touch with the career transition centre, which would advise the parents on how to steer John into his new career.

John was told just what he wanted to hear. He was given a test result sheet that stated his optimal career would be in professional sports, or in construction, civil defence, or as an aeroplane test pilot.

A month later and it was June, and school was out for summer. John spent the first few days in total relaxation. He would play football, or basketball, or just kick the crap out of his enemies, down on his old school grounds.

Every day began the same way, his mom would wake him at 8:00 am. She would fix him breakfast. Secretly, she slipped powerful drugs into his orange juice each morning. This would delay the onset of puberty for him.

Meanwhile, his father and the career centre scheduled an operation at the hospital for June 15th. On the 14th, John's mom was nervous. On this morning, the contents of his juice would be different. On this morning, the juice contained a timed-release powder. She stared at him as he drank it. It made her wince. She knew the juice would hurt him, but the doctor had assured her it would only cause some temporary pain. Anyway, there was no other way to get John ready for the rest of his life.

Late that day, John came down with bad stomach cramps. He was rushed to the hospital, and given an X-ray. Little did he know, his parents had planned this well in advance. His surgeon-to-be was working the emergency room. The radiologist knew about John's fate. When the x-rays came back, there was no debate. John had appendicitis. He had to have an operation right away.

You can guess what happened to John during the operation. They didn't even touch his appendix. They just removed his testicles, and placed a drug-delivery system in his abdomen.

After the surgery was over, they gave him an I.V. of L-gynomuta, a new type of drug called a receptor oxidant. In the bloodstream, this drug attacks all the male hormone receptors in the body. Intravenous treatment for a day would not have much of an effect. But after a week of intravenous delivery, treatment was complete: the drug destroyed all the androgen receptors in John's body. Even if he wanted to, he

could never be male again. His body could only respond to female hormones. He had been turned into an androgen insensitive male.

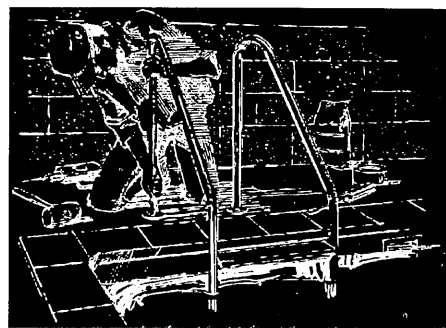
Of course, after the operation, John might find a way to have the drug delivery system removed. Then, he would be neutered, with a slight predisposition towards femininity, because he had lost his androgen receptors.

There was one catch, that wasn't known to John, his doctor, or even to his parents. It was the company that supplied the drug-delivery system. This company happened to be the fastest growing medical enterprise on the Federal Stock Exchange. You see, they had found a perfect way to get repeat customers. All their drug delivery systems contained an array of genetically engineered hormones. To the carbon atoms of each hormone molecule, they attached narcotic-addictive molecules. This meant that their patients would not only get a soothing feeling from the hormones, but they would also quickly become highly addicted to the hormones. So addicted that, they would die if forced to undergo withdrawal. That way, once a customer, always a customer. Now, John would always be a customer.

After the operation, John was very sick. For two days he was very groggy, almost paralysed, and sleepy, from the anaesthetic. After the anaesthesia wore off, the new hormones kicked in, and he was nauseous for nearly 6 days. He was barely able to move during this time. The ceiling was swimming, and John didn't know what had happened to him.

The doctor took John's parents aside and told them what to expect. John had just barely entered puberty. His bones were still growing, and his voice hadn't changed yet. They had brought him in for surgery just in time. His voice would never crack; his hips would swell enormously, his breasts would develop normally, and he would stop growing at a height of only 5.5" or 5.7". In two or three years it would be impossible to distinguish him from any other young teenage girl on the street. One more operation would be performed to allow him to have sex. By the time they scheduled the surgery, John would be begging for it. The hormones would have reprogrammed his brain and made him complacent and accepting of his fate, and he would already be dating, like it or not, the doctor said.

There was hell to pay when John regained full consciousness. He flailed around a lot



in bed when he found out what had happened; the details were pretty sad.

His parents told him he had no choice. Social services had arranged to reissue the birth certificate at the hospital where John was born. John's parents had thought of a new name, and had applied for a social security card using the name they had chosen. The whole new identity would belong to a girl named Susan.

Susan came home from the hospital to an empty house, a house being packed up, with boxes everywhere, for they were going to move to another state at the end of the summer. She went upstairs to her room, and slowly approached the dresser. She was wearing blue jeans and a skin-tight unisex knit top, clothes given to her at the hospital. Her hand trembled as she pulled open the dresser drawer. It was true. All the old underwear was gone. Sitting there, in the top drawer, were ten new pairs of high-waisted cotton panties, and seven training bras.

Her mom's voice wafted up the stairs. "Susan, I want you to come with me. We are going grocery shopping. And, I won't let you go out without putting on some of your new underwear. There are going to be a lot of new rules that you will have to follow from now on. You won't get to stay out late any more. You will have to dress appropriately for school. You are going to have to wear a bra whenever you go out in public. You may not need it now, but in a year or too, you'll fill one up, and by that time, you'll be glad you started today."

One hundred miles away, in a different state, at the Sharp-Culligan Testing Centre, a programmer was inspecting the test-grading software he had written. "Why was that variable an integer?", he thought. He couldn't remember why. "Could someone score so high in this area, that the variable would wrap around and become negative?"

He didn't think so. It probably had never happened. But he changed the variable to a long integer, just in case.



# Rice, Potato, and

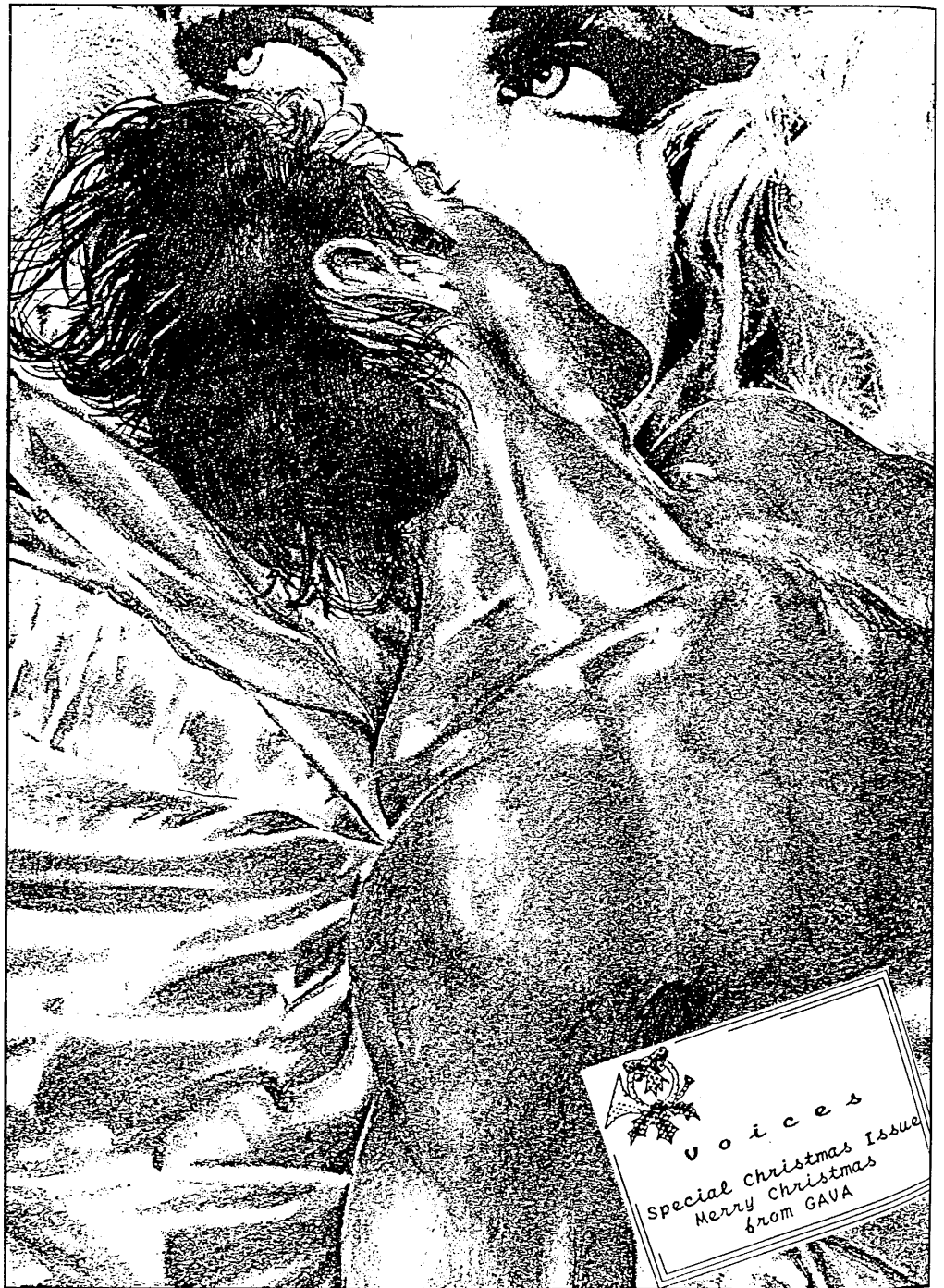
## Can we get personal here? I'll be honest,

I've slept with many white guys in my life time. But it seems I always end up getting into relationships with Asians. I don't mean I only use white guys for sex - though that could be an interesting thought. I mean I have gone out with white guys but my attempts at a relationship never gel. I have to ask myself why my long-term relationships all turn out to be with Asians.

Now it's your turn. Can we be honest? Truly, brutally honest. How many white guys and Asians have you slept with in your life time and who do you get into relationships with? If you have trouble counting them all, just take a guess at a percentage. Are we seeing a pattern yet?

While we are honest, can we be frank as well? If you are Asian and prefer mostly to have sex with white guys, you are probably a Potato Queen. If you are Asian and prefer mostly to have sex with Asians, you are probably Sticky Rice. And if you are white and prefer mostly to have sex with Asians, you are probably a Rice Queen. Lastly, if you are white who prefer mostly to have sex with white guys, I guess you are just racist. Suppose you are truly indiscriminate, then you are simply a slut. I hope I've managed to offend everyone by now, I don't want anybody to feel left out.

Don't ask me. I don't actually know where these labels come from. It seems to me labelling ourselves could be a parody of being called names by others. It is interesting then, in gay Asian culture we label sexual orientation after people's taste for food. I wonder if it has to do with the association of Asians with Dim Sum or Chinese takeouts. In this article, please understand that I am us-



ing these terms not in the derogatory sense.

Now that we've gotten sex out of the way, I'll return to my original query about relationships. Doesn't this sound rather like we are having a date? A young Chinese friend tells me the reason he has difficulty getting into a relationship is because he is physically more turned on by white guys while emotionally he gets on better with

Asians. His feelings are not unique, I have many Asian friends who feel the same way. Incidentally, I also have Asian friends who would have sex with Asians but would only have relationships with white guys. I wonder about the reasons for this dichotomy.

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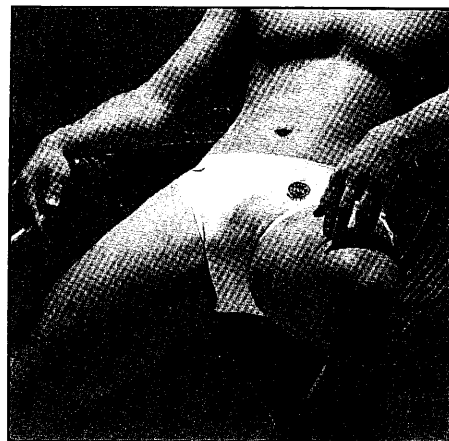
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# Other Perversities

By Xu Jinguor

a fact that white guys are better looking. If so, no thinking would be needed there. But might we also consider the possibility that it was learned? If what we see, from the predominant culture, shows young, white, muscular men to be eroticized and desired, then we might learn to feel the same way. And if you are different from that ideal, you might feel you are not as desirable or good enough. Gay Asians are not the only ones affected by such subliminal messages; you can see how much time white guys work out to turn into desirable hunk. Of course it doesn't matter how well-built an Asian is, he can never be white. This process of learned self non-acceptance, or putting it more bluntly - internalized self-hatred, is the same way how we learned to internalize homophobia.

In addition to subliminal messages from the media, white guys also represent the Euro-centric culture which is dominating the world these days. These are the people who give us jobs (and sometimes blow jobs), who make our laws, who police our streets, who control our nuclear weapons. You get the picture? It is quite easy for the oppressed to fall in line and identify with the aggressors - popularly termed the Stockholm Syndrome. The oppressed become sympathizers with their oppressors and start following their ways of thinking. To become that desirable ideal of the predominant culture is to become powerful like them.

Let's reverse the situation and look at why some white guys desire Asians as their sexual preference. Some Rice Queens tell me they prefer Asians because of the hairless body, the small stature, the gentle personality, the Oriental mystique. I call this the Madame Butterfly Syndrome. These white guys have a romantic image of the Asian as the beautiful but vulnerable butterfly who would commit hara-kiri for the love of a white man. This notion, nowadays, still exists but is not as widely held.

I imagine another reason the oppressor

would identify with the oppressed is described in some southern romantic novels. I term this the Mandingo Syndrome. Classically the white woman, living in southern U.S. in the dark ages, craved for the fiery love of her black slave. Inside the haughty exterior, she was obsessed with total helplessness, waiting to be dominated by her passionate lusts for this mysterious black hunk of meat. The popular image shows the big, muscular black man, with bulging biceps and half naked, carrying his limp, fragile southern belle, who had obviously been overcome by her excitement when he came too close while serving her. I can really get into this fantasy. But from what I see around me, I can't think of one example of a white guy wanting to be helplessly dominated by a Bruce Lee character.

To have a meaningful dialogue, we need to have openness, even though sometimes it can be unpleasant. They say the truth sometimes hurts. I've read from my computer on-line posting on inter-racial relationships speculating that Rice Queens are white guys who have been rejected by their own kind. They have been unsuccessful at finding a desirable mate who's white and therefore turn to other races. They are supposedly socially inept, or old and ugly. They turn to exploit the more vulnerable Asians.

Honestly I'm not making this up.

Perhaps you can draw your own conclusions about whether Rice Queens are social rejects. I certainly have a lot of difficulties with the notion of exploitation. Some of these inter-racial relationships that people despise are not one-sided. I see both partners as mutually exploitative. You can despise exploitation if you want, but you can hardly just put the blame on one side.

At the moment, Sticky Rice seems to be the most respectful form of relationship in the gay Asian community. It signifies overcoming the internalized self-hatred

popular media have tried to impose on us. Therefore, an Asian getting into a relationship with another Asian represents maturity and self-love. One popular notion, though, I find difficult to understand is why Sticky Rice is less racist than white guys who prefer sex with other white guys. Some of my Asian friends tell me that it is not possible for a minority group to discriminate against the majority. They say only those in power can discriminate. In fact, I've witnessed some gay Asians wield their power at putting down Rice Queens at every possible opportunity.

To cover all grounds, we have to talk about the indiscriminate slut. It has never really been acceptable to be promiscuous. Though some people might brag about their sexual prowess and attractiveness. Sluts are more often debased as victims of their sexual impulses rather than admired for their virility.

Rice Queens, Potato Queens, Sticky Rice and other perversities. What is the point here? I ask you how many people you know are truly racially non-discriminate. We are all victims of something or another. Putting it in a more empowering way - we are all survivors of some wicked upbringing and each have come out with our won distortions and perversities. Asians or non-Asians, it is too easy to point our fingers at others proclaiming them racist. I urge self-examination for all.

Self-righteousness is a virtue only for the saints. We have to show more humility, and that includes me. I presume someone out there has a rebuttal to every point I've made here. I accept such enlightenment with gratitude. If we are going to have a relationship, we have to build on it based on open communication. Assuming you have quit smoking by now, what's there after sex if not talk?

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# OSCAR WILDE



was hushed as 90-year-old Sir John Gielgud read "De Profundis," the letter Wilde wrote to his lover from Reading Gaol in 1897.

The families of Wilde and Douglas were reconciled long ago. The present Marquis of Queensberry hailed the Valentine's Day ceremony for "the love that dare not speak its name."

Wilde was born in Dublin, to eccentric parents. His mother badly wanted a daughter, so, when a second son, Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde, was born, she dressed the child like a girl. As a youth, Oscar was tall, almost overgrown, yet graceful and, in any case, always striking in appearance and dress. Leaving Dublin for Oxford, he began to develop his unique style of manners, garb and wit. After leaving university he was soon the rage of London society. Oscar was the ultimate party entertainment, and was in great demand. A contemporary wrote, 'He was, without exception, the most brilliant talker I have ever come across. Nobody could pretend to outshine him, or even shine at all in his company.' Wilde supported himself writing art and book reviews and lecturing in England and America. He eventually moved on to writing comedy, with huge success. He was extravagant, generous, outrageous and, above all, happy. The story of his ruin sounds incredible today but remains one of the most celebrated literary disasters.

In 1881, Oscar met Constance Lloyd, a sweet, pretty girl whom he courted with passionate, poetic letters. Madly in love the two were married in 1884. They honeymooned in Paris and, the morning after the wedding night, while Wilde strolled with Sherard, he described so vividly the joys of the previous evening that Sherard was embarrassed. Indeed, for the first few years, Oscar and Constance were deeply in love. They had two sons, Cyril and Vyvyan. Though Oscar adored his chi-

**I**rish playwright Oscar Wilde, who was hounded into penury and disgrace for his homosexuality, was honoured last month with a stained glass window in the Poets' corner of Westminster Abbey London. Exactly 100 years after his play "The Importance of Being Earnest" was heralded as a major triumph, the British establishment forgave the Dublin dandy and admitted him into the pantheon of English literature.

"When he walked on air, he was on solid ground," said Irish poet Seamus Heaney of the comic genius whose affair with the Marquis of Queensberry's son, Lord Al-

fred Douglas, shocked Victorian society to the core. "Oscar has entered the language as decisively as he entered America with nothing to declare but his genius," Heaney said of the dramatist who died penniless and alone in Paris at the age of 46.

The soaring arches of Westminster Abbey echoed with laughter as Dame Judi Dench played the imperious Lady Bracknell in a scene from "The Importance of Being Earnest"—the word that was Victorian slang for "gay."

The chapel audience of 500, many sporting green carnations as Wilde often did,

dren, he was unsuited for domesticity.

The story of how Wilde moved from heterosexuality to homosexuality is an unsolved mystery. It is probable that while at Oxford he had contracted syphilis from a prostitute. The treatment at the time was mercury. (This caused severe discoloration of the teeth, which Oscar certainly suffered from.) Before proposing to Constance, he consulted a doctor who assured him that he had been cured of the disease. Two years later, he discovered that the dormant spirochetes had broken out again, and so he gave up sex with Constance and began to indulge his interest in boys. Robert Ross, a lively, cultivated young man who remained Oscar's lifelong devotee, boasted that he was Oscar's 'first boy', when he was 17 and Wilde was 32. However, it was not until 1891 that Wilde met the great love of his life, a handsome, aristocratic 22-year-old Lord Alfred Douglas, called 'Bosie' by his friends and family. The attraction was immediate - Bosie was sixteen years Oscar's junior, a poet from a prominent family, extraordinarily good-looking; passionate, impulsive, and proud. In short, everything Wilde admired. They both adored luxury and began a whirlwind friendship, dining daily at the best restaurants in England, completely inseparable. Even Constance like Bosie.

In London, Wilde and Douglas were introduced to Alfred Taylor, a semi-professional procurer, who enjoyed wearing ladies' clothing and burning incense in his dimly lit apartment. He acquired for Wilde a number of young boys - out-of-work clerks, grooms and newsboys who were willing to sell their favours, and in addition unexpectedly found themselves dining in the best restaurants in London with Wilde, drinking champagne and receiving expensive gifts. Aubrey Beardsley said Wilde boasted of having had five messenger boys in one night, saying, 'I kissed each of them in every part of their bodies; they were all dirty and appealed to me just for that reason.'

Although there was gossip surrounding Wilde and Bosie, all would probably have gone on happily had it not been for Bosie's father. The Eighth Marquis of Queensberry's rage was vented in abusive letters to his son, finally culminated when he delivered the famous card to Wilde's club, which read, 'For Oscar Wilde posing as a sodomite.' Enraged by the Marquis's harassment, Wilde took reckless action. With Bosie's encouragement, he pressed charges against Queensberry for criminal libel, having assured his lawyer

that there was no basis whatsoever for the Marquis's accusation. But, to the prosecution's immense surprise, Queensberry had prepared his case well. Hiring a team of private detectives and paid informers, he had bought the testimony of many young boys Wilde had met through Taylor. When it was clear that the boys would be produced, the prosecution withdrew, and the Marquis while he could - even his wife hoped he would flee but he refused. Within a month Wilde had been arrested, charged by Queensberry with committing acts of gross indecency with various boys. The procurer Taylor had also been arrested, having refused to turn state's evidence against Wilde.

During the second trial, one of the most sensational in English history, Wilde handled himself with great poise and wit - but it was not enough. One by one the boys testified. Wilde was also forced to defend his published writings, such as *Dorian Gray*, and his personal letters, which were accused of having homosexual overtones. In this context he gave his famous speech on the 'Love that dare not speak its name' (a line from one of Bosie's poems), which was so moving that it brought spontaneous applause from the gallery. In the end, the jury could not reach a decision, and another trial was called. Between trials, Wilde again refused to attempt to escape. The outcome of the third trial was grim: Wilde and Taylor each received the maximum sentence - two years' hard labour. While in prison Wilde wrote *De Profundis*, a long, scathing denunciation of Bosie, accusing him of having led him to his ruin.

The day he finished his sentence in May 1897 he caught a boat to France and never returned to England. Wilde lived, broken and exiled - and using the name Sebastian Melmoth - in France and Italy. Constance Wilde, Bosie's family and numerous friends plotted to keep the two men apart, but their friendship and love prevailed. The last three years of Wilde's life were spent on and off with Bosie, both having returned to consorting with young boys.

Many of Wilde's sayings are still used today. An all time favourite is the one Wilde was reputed to have said on his deathbed, about the awful wallpaper in his hotel room in Paris "one of us will have to go". Oscar Wilde died in 1900.

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# Gay history in America

## A decade of change and hope

1983

U.S. Rep Gerry Studds, D-Mass., becomes first member of Congress to acknowledge publicly his homosexuality. Disclosure comes after investigation into his affair 10 years earlier with a 17-year-old congressional page.

AFL-CIO votes to support gay rights legislation at federal, state and local levels, first labor organization to take such a stand.

*"Torch Song Trilogy,"* a drama examining gay lives and loves, wins Broadway's Tony Award for Best Play. One of its producers pointedly thanks his male lover during the Tony telecast.

1984

Berkeley, Calif., becomes the first U.S. city to extend spousal benefits to the live-in partners of gay and lesbian city employees who submit an affidavit of "domestic partnership."

About 60 openly gay delegates or alternates attend the Democratic national convention in San Francisco.

Gerry Studds is re-elected.

1985

**1985:** Twenty students form the first class at the Harvey Milk School, a public high school for gay and lesbian teen-agers in New York City.

Rock Hudson dies of AIDS. Revelations that the macho movie star was afflicted with the disease and that he was gay challenge lingering stereotypes and confirm gay claim that gays are everywhere, but driven into hiding by bigotry and fear.

ABC presents *"Consenting Adults,"* a movie starring Marlo Thomas as a mother coming to terms with her son's homosexuality. On NBC, *"An Early Frost,"* with

Aidan Quinn, Gena Rowlands and Ben Gazzara, chronicles a gay man confronting AIDS and his family's shock.

1986

After more than a decade of acrimonious debate, New York City passes a gay rights ordinance. Mayor Ed Koch assures residents: "The sky is not going to fall."

1987

In an interview with the Boston Globe, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., becomes the second member of Congress to state openly that he is gay. Like Studds, he will be re-elected by wide margins in each of his subsequent bids for Congress.

The New York Times lifts its ban on any use of the word "gay" as a synonym for "homosexual."

Between 250,000 and 500,000 gay men, lesbians and their supporters converge on Washington, D.C., for the largest gay rights demonstration ever held in this country. Hollywood celebrities, black leaders and prominent feminists join the throng.

The AIDS Quilt of nearly 2,000 panels large and the size of two football fields is laid out in its entirety on the Capitol Mall. ABC News' Peter Jennings picks gay activist and quilt organizer Cleve Jones as his "Person of the Week."

1988

Chicago passes an ordinance to ban bias against gays. The proposal had floundered for years, largely due to stiff opposition from the Catholic Church.

A federal appeals court rules that U.S. Army regulations barring gays are unconstitutional and orders the reinstatement of Sgt. Perry Watkins, a 14-year veteran.

1989

Massachusetts becomes the second state in the country, after Wisconsin in 1982 to pass legislation banning discrimination against gays in employment, housing and other areas.

A widely publicized Gallup poll finds that while Americans have mostly negative feelings about the morality of homosexual behavior, more 70% than per cent believe gays should have equal job opportunities.

The American Bar Association's House of Delegates votes 251 to 121 in favor of supporting federal legislation to prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians.

A report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 30 percent of suicides by youths under 21 are committed by people who know or fear they are gay. It adds that homosexual youths are two to three times more likely than heterosexual ones to try suicide. The revelations fuel debate over what to say about homosexuality in schools.

Under the headline "Peek-a-Boo," New York's Outweek magazine publishes a list of 66 celebrities and public figures who are allegedly gay, but closeted. The article marks the beginning of controversial "outing" by some gay activists.

The Nynex Yellow Pages, which prints business telephone numbers for the New York City area, announces that its next edition will provide a separate, individual heading for gay and lesbian services.

The City College of San Francisco establishes the county's first Gay and Lesbian Studies department. Two years later, the City University of New York will open its Gay and Lesbian Studies center.

1990

President George Bush signs the National Hate Crimes Act, the first to include gays

with minority groups. The law orders a detailed study of crimes motivated by racial, ethnic, religious or anti-gay bias. For the signing ceremony, Bush invites gay activists to the White House, another first.

Of six openly lesbian candidates running for a variety of public offices across the country, five win.

Reform Judaism, the largest branch of Judaism in the United States, votes to accept open, sexually active gays as rabbis.

For three consecutive nights during New York City's gay pride week, the landmark Empire State Building is bathed in lavender lights. Building management had refused to do this in 1985 and 1986.

**1991**

After organizers of New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade tell an Irish-American gay group there is no room for them, Mayor David Dinkins mediates a settlement allowing the group to march, then gives up his place at the head of the parade to walk alongside its members.

Montefiore Hospital in New York City, with 9,500 employees, and Lotus Development Corp., a software manufacturer in Cambridge, Mass., with 3,100 employees, announce that they will offer health benefits to long-term partners of homosexual employees.

Two widely publicized scientific studies support the position that homosexuality has as much to do with nature as nurture and is not a choice. One documents differences in the brains of homosexual and heterosexual bodies. Another, involving twins, shows that if one is gay, the other is almost three times more likely to be gay if the twins are identical than if they are fraternal.

"Roseanne," one of the highest-rated primetime TV shows, introduces a regular gay character played by veteran funnyman Martin Mull. This follows an "L.A. Law" episode that shows two female lawyers kissing on the lips.

Connecticut prohibits discrimination against gays in employment and housing. Hawaii prohibits discrimination in employment.

**1992**

Three more states pass gay rights legislation, boosting the total to seven. California bans discrimination in employment and public accommodations but not hous-

ing. New Jersey and Vermont ban discrimination in all three categories.

The Birmingham (Michigan) City Commission ignores some heated protest and votes unanimously to include gays among people protected from housing discrimination in the city, which becomes the seventh in Michigan to adopt some type of gay rights law.

Two Baptist congregations in North Carolina take daring steps toward embracing gays. One in Raleigh holds a wedding-style ceremony to bless the union of two gay men. Another in Chapel Hill votes to license an openly gay divinity student as a preacher.

A Marvel Comic superhero named Northstar reveals to the series' 100,000 readers that he's gay, a first for mainstream comics.

At the Democratic National Convention in July, openly gay delegates number a larger caucus than 34 of the state delegations.

The much-ballyhooed season finale of "Northern Exposure" tells the story of the founding of the TV show's hometown, Cicely, Alaska, by two idealistic lesbians who want "a community where all are

equal, where all are valued."

**1993**

The Clinton administration announces the appointment of prominent gay rights advocate Roberta Achtenberg as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the highest-level federal appointment ever for an openly gay person.

A 17-year-old character in the newspaper comic strip "For Better or for Worse," which runs in about 1,400 newspapers, reveals that he is gay; 19 papers cancel the strip, while 50 request substitutions for some installments.

Congressional hearings commence on whether or not the U.S. military should lift its longstanding ban against gay servicepeople.

Minnesota becomes the eighth state in the country to pass gay rights legislation.

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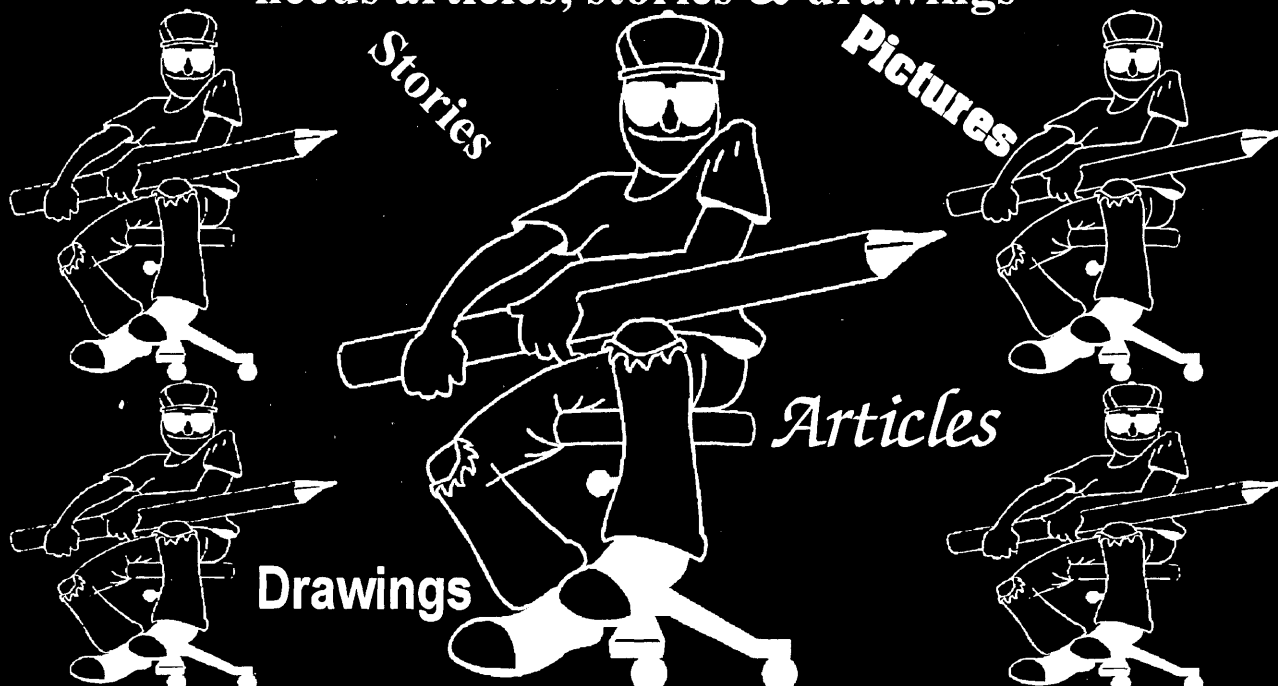
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### **WHY NOT**

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Causeway Bay, Hong Kong  
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### **H2O**

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Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.  
Tel: 2834-6451, 5:00 pm - 3:00 am

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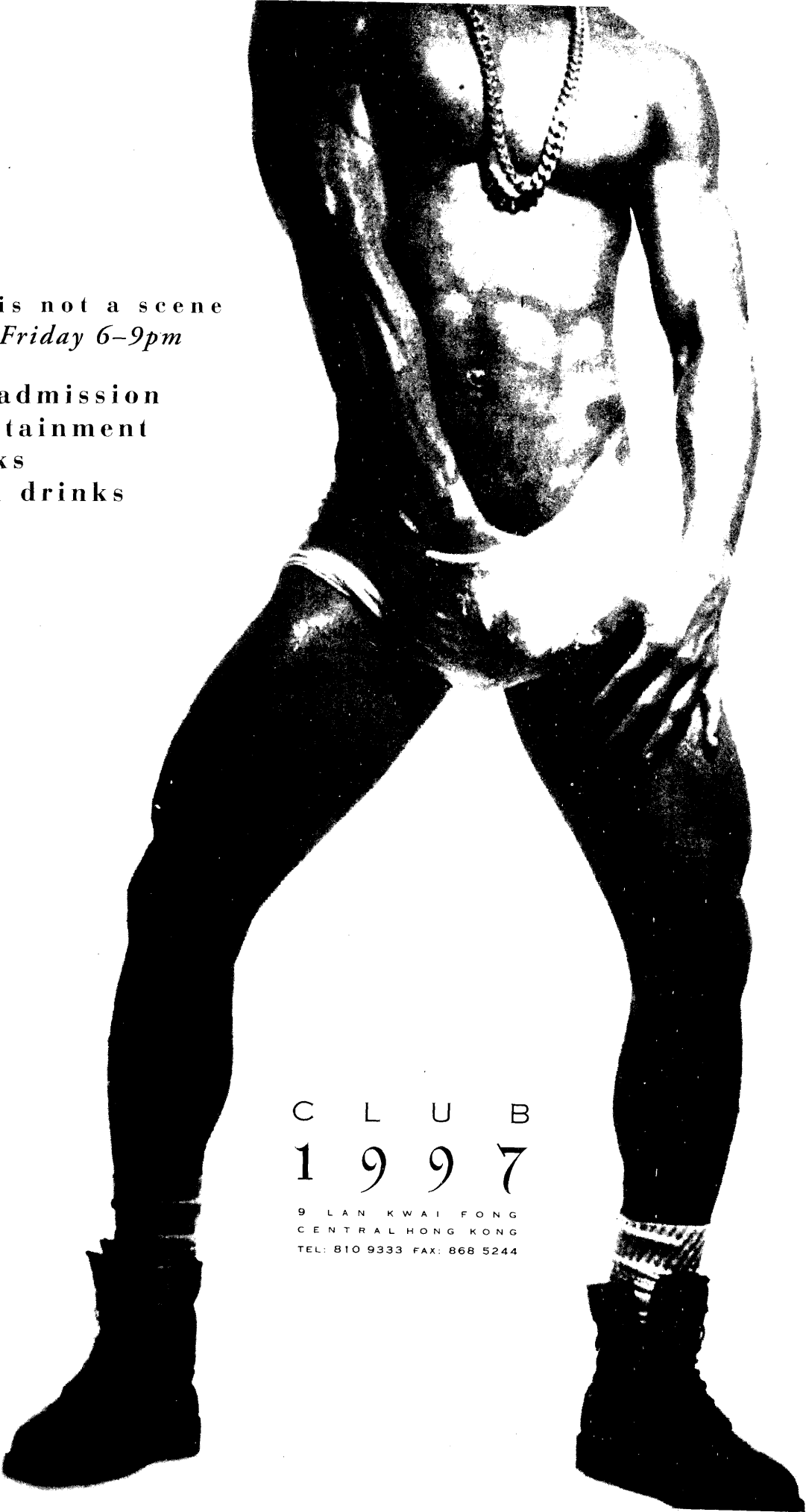
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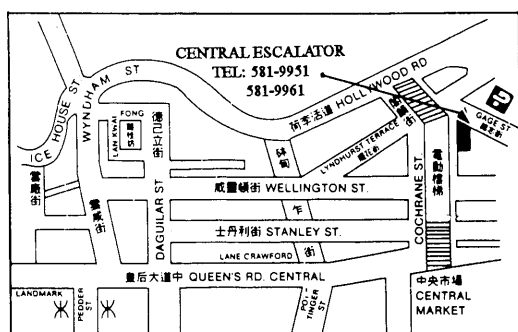
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